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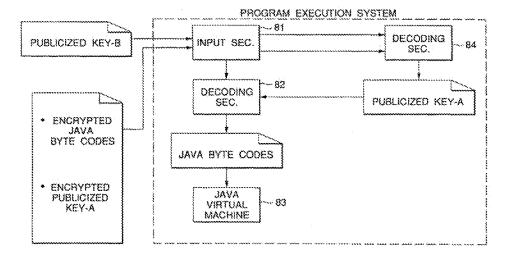
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(54) Information processing apparatus and method and recording medium

(57) In a program execution environment, an application program that was encrypted by using secret key-A is supplied to a decoding section 82, and publicized key-B and an encrypted publicized key-A (corresponding to secret key-A) that was encrypted by using secret key-B corresponding to publicized key-B are supplied to a decoding section 84. The decoding section 84 decodes the encrypted publicized key-A by using publicized key-B and supplies a resulting publicized key-A to

the decoding section 82. The decoding section 82 decodes the encrypted application program by using publicized key that is supplied from the decoding section 84 and supplies Java byte codes as a decoding result to a Java virtual machine 83. The Java virtual machine 83 interprets and executes the Java byte codes that are supplied from the decoding section 82. As a result, it becomes possible to allow only programs developed by a legitimate software developer to be executed in a certain program execution environment.

FIG.1





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1. claims: 1-3,5-6,7-9

Information processing apparata, methods and recording media for encrypted programs being decrypted using a first and second key and optionally a third key.

2. claim: 4

Information processing apparata, methods and recording media for encrypted programs being decrypted using a plurality of first keys and a second key

3. claims: 10-15

Information processing apparata, methods and recording media for checking program signatures using a first and second key

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